

# 28 days of Black History Month events

Black History Month, aka February, begins Tuesday. What began as Negro History Week in 1926 has evolved into a 28- (or sometimes 29-) day celebration of the lives of African Americans.

The Baltimore area celebrates black history all year-round, but this month still features a number of events. Here's a sampling:

## 1

"Eyes on the Prize": Civil rights movement documentary with discussion and refreshments, 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m., reservations required by Jan. 28; free for those over 50; Evelyn Cole Senior Center, 5720 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant; 301-386-5525.

Buffalo Soldier Re-enactors: Meet re-enactors, learn about uniforms, weaponry, camp life and the relationships between the Buffalo Soldiers and Native Americans; free, registration recommended; Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover; 301-583-2582.

Soul food dinner: Dinner featuring foods from Morocco, Ethiopia, Jamaica and the South, 5:30 p.m.; \$6.30; [College of Notre Dame of Maryland](#), 4701 N. Charles St.; 410-532-3173.

History of African-American education: Interview teachers about history of African-American education, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.; free; Calvert Library, 30 Duke St., Prince Frederick; 410-535-0291.

"Made in America: Black Inventors USA": Multimedia presentation pays tribute to black inventors and scientists, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; free; [Hood College](#) campus, Whitaker Campus Center, 401 Rosemont Ave., Frederick; 301-696-3799 or 301-696-3131; [www.hood.edu](http://www.hood.edu).

## 2

Freedom stories: Storyteller and poet TAHIRA honors both known and unsung freedom fighters of the civil rights movement in three free performances at [Enoch Pratt Free Library](#) branches: 4330 Edmondson Ave. (1 p.m.), 3203 W. North Ave. (Walbrook Branch, 4 p.m.), 3023 Garrison Blvd. (Forest Park Branch, 6:30 p.m.); 410-396-5430.

"Crossing the American Jordan: A Panel Recognizing 40 Years of the Voting Rights Act": F. Michael Higginbotham and Jacqueline Berrien, among others, examine the progress made in the 40 years since the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.; free, RSVP requested; [University of Baltimore](#)'s William H. Thumel Sr. Business Center, 11 W. Mount Royal Ave.; 410-837-7377.

"African Stories in the Americas": Baba Jamal Koram tells stories ranging from Aesop's fables to Shaka the Zulu King, 7 p.m.; free; [Annapolis](#) Area Library, 1410 West St., [Annapolis](#); 410-222-

1750; [www.aacpl.net](http://www.aacpl.net).

### 3

Wax figure exhibit: On loan from the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum; opening program and reception, 6 p.m., on display throughout the month; free; Enoch Pratt Central Library, African American Department, 400 Cathedral St.; 410-396-5430.

"Meet the Author": Arthur Jones, author of *Pierre Toussaint, A Celebrated Life*, 6:30 p.m.; free; Light Street Branch Library, 1251 Light St.; 410-396-1096.

Zora Neale Hurston discussion: A discussion of 20th-century African-American anthropologist, novelist and playwright Zora Neale Hurston, presented by Charles Camp, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.; free; Calvert Library, 30 Duke St., Prince Frederick; 410-535-0291.

Free First Thursday at the BMA: Tour works by African-American artists, catch a performance by Tamm E. Hunt's jazz ensemble and participate in a family-friendly workshop, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; free; the [Baltimore Museum of Art](http://www.artbma.org), 10 Art Museum Drive; 410-396-7100; [www.artbma.org](http://www.artbma.org).

"Spanning African American History in Song": [University of Maryland, College Park](http://www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu) presents the Princely Players in a program on the enslavement and liberation of African-Americans, 8 p.m.; \$7-\$30; Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, corner of Route 193 (University Boulevard) and Stadium Drive on University of Maryland campus, College Park; 301-405-ARTS; [www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu](http://www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu).

### 4

Black Heritage Art Expo: Poetry readings, seminars and workshops sponsored by the African American Visual Arts Association today through Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; free; Baltimore Convention Center, 1 W. Pratt St.; 410-649-7000; [www.bccenter.org](http://www.bccenter.org) or [www.baltimore.org](http://www.baltimore.org).

Ethnic Heritage Ensemble: The Chicago group explores its African roots, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; \$18; An Die Musik, 409 N. Charles St.; 410-385-2638.

Black History Month trivia: Black history, trivia and prizes for ages 6-12, 3 p.m., reservations required; free; Langley Park Community Center, 1500 Merrimac Drive, Hyattsville; 301-445-4508.

"Heroes and Hard Times": Songs and stories of African-American culture and history, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.; free; South Bowie Community Center, 1717 Pittsfield Lane, Bowie; 301-249-1622.

### 5

Saturday film series: *Lift Every Voice!* explores the struggles and triumphs of the first generation of African-American artists and musicians born into freedom, 12:30 p.m.; free; Banneker-Douglass Museum, 84 Franklin St., [Annapolis](http://www.annapolis.org); 410-216-6180.

"National Black History Month Film and Discussion Series": Next Generation Awareness Foundation plays host to an all-day series of films and talks; also features vendors and an "Author's Row." 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; \$25 for an all-day pass; Brown Center, [Maryland Institute College of Art](#), 1300 Mount Royal Ave.; 202-409-7240; [www.ngaf.org](#).

"Hip-Hop and Slam": Celebration of hip-hop and the verbal arts, preregistration required, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; free; National Museum of American History, Carmichael Auditorium, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington; 202-357-4005.

"Celebrating Black History in Dance": Variety of African-American dance groups, light refreshments, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.; Resident \$2, Nonresident \$3; Temple Hills Community Center, 5300 Temple Hill Road, Temple Hills; 301-894-6616.

"Bowie Jazz Extravaganza": A homage to Duke Ellington, featuring [Bowie State University](#) Jazz Quartet, ages 50 and up; Resident \$2, Nonresident \$3; Bowie Community Center, 3209 Stonybrook Drive, Bowie; 301-464-1737.

Black History trivia: Trivia game show of black history, ages 13-17; free; Glassmanor Community Center, 1101 Marcy Ave., Oxon Hill; 301-567-6033.

"Black Sailors in Navy Blue": Walking tour of exhibit featuring African-Americans who served in the U.S. Navy during the mid-19th century, 2 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday in February; \$3.50-\$7.50; USS Constellation Museum, Pier 1, [Inner Harbor](#); 410-539-1797; [www.constellation.org](#).

## 6

"Meet the Author": Rhonda Y. Williams, author of *The Politics of Public Housing*, 2 p.m.; free; Central Library, 400 Cathedral St.; 410-396-5430.

## 7

Memories of North Brentwood: Exhibit featuring the history of North Brentwood, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., ages 13-17; free; Lake Arbor Community Center, 10100 Lake Arbor Way, Mitchellville; 301-864-0756.

## 8

Gospel sing: Cartwright Singers' rendition of old-fashioned gospel music, light refreshments served, 10:15 a.m., ages 55 and up; Camp Springs Senior Center, 6420 Allentown Road, Camp Springs; 301-449-0490.

"Meet the Author": Toby Thompkins, author of *The Real Lives of Strong Black Women: Transcending Myths, Reclaiming Joy*, 6:30 p.m.; free; Central Library, Poe Room, 400 Cathedral St.; 410-396-5430.

Black History movie: Popcorn, juice and movie about the life of Martin Luther King Jr., for ages 5-12, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; free; College Park Youth Services Center, 4912 Nantucket Road, College Park; 301-345-4425.

Black inventors workshop and book signing: Pat Sluby, author of *The Inventive Spirit of African Americans: Patented Ingenuity*, plus local youth performance of historical contributions, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; free; Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover; 301-583-2582.

Black History Month Jeopardy: Test your knowledge of black history, ages 18 and up, 7 p.m.; free; Langley Park Community Center, 1500 Merrimac Drive, Hyattsville; 301-445-4508.

Underground Railroad talk: Walt Michael and Peter Hanson Michael examine the history of Cooling Springs Farm and its role in the Underground Railroad, noon-1 p.m.; \$2; Carroll Post, American Legion, at corner of Green and Sycamore streets, Westminster; 410-848-6494.

## 9

Movie night and discussion: John Singleton's *Higher Learning* screening and discussion led by Dr. Stacey Peterson, 6 p.m.; free; [College of Notre Dame of Maryland](#), 4701 N. Charles St.; 410-532-3173.

"Black Diamond! Satchel Paige and the Negro Leagues": Musical play about African-Americans in baseball, 10:30 a.m.; \$5/person; Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington; 301-203-3803.

"Afro American Self-Determination": Amiri Baraka, poet/political activist/teacher, speaks on issues, 12:20 p.m.-1:15 p.m.; free; [Community College of Baltimore County](#), Essex, B Building Theatre, 7201 Rossville Blvd.; 410-780-6572.

"From Auction Block to Hip-Hop": A play by David Lamb that explores the lengths one hip-hop mogul will go to make money, 7 p.m.; free; [Community College of Baltimore County](#), Essex, B Building Theatre, 7201 Rossville Blvd.; 410-780-6572.

African food tasting: Sampling of Northeast and West African cuisine, 3 p.m.; Resident \$3, Nonresident \$4; Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville; 301-937-6613.

"Meet the Artist": Pinkie Strother and her colorful paintings and miniatures of her childhood in Calvert County, 7 p.m.; free; Howard County Central Library, 10375 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia; 410-313-7860.

## 10

Talk on black inventors: Former U.S. Patent Office Examiner Pat Sluby talks about her book, *The Inventive Spirit of African Americans: Patented Ingenuity*, 7 p.m.; free; Banneker-Douglass

Museum, 84 Franklin St., [Annapolis](#); 410-216-6180.

"African Stories in the Americas": Baba Jamal Koram tells stories ranging from Aesop's fables to Shaka the Zulu King, 7 p.m.; free; Provinces Branch Library, 2624 [Annapolis](#) Road, Severn; 410-222-6280; [www.aacpl.net](#).

## 11

[Towson University](#) art exhibit reception: Opening reception for exhibit featuring works from the Harryette and Otis M. Robertson Collection of African American Art, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; free; University Union Art Gallery, University Union Drive; 410-704-2641.

## 12

Saturday film series: W.E.B. DuBois: A Biography in Four Voices looks at the life and legacy of the founder of the Niagara Movement, 12:30 p.m.; free; Banneker-Douglass Museum, 84 Franklin St., [Annapolis](#); 410-216-6180.

Ananse stories: Make crafts and participate in storytelling of traditional African folk tales, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.; \$3; Chesapeake Children's Museum, 25 Silopanna Road, [Annapolis](#); 410-990-1993; [www.theccm.org](#)

"African American Heritage in View": Family storytelling and journal-writing workshop with author Craig Johnson, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.; \$3-\$5; Top of the World Observation Level, 27th floor, World Trade Center, 401 E. Pratt St.; 410-837-VIEW; [www.viewbaltimore.org](#).

Black History walking tour: An exploration of African-American culture and history in [Annapolis](#), 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.; \$14 for adults, \$7 for children; departs from [Annapolis](#) Visitor Center, 26 West St., [Annapolis](#); 410-280-0445.

"Black History Health Day": Maryland General Hospital conducts free health screenings, Women Accepting Responsibility conducts free HIV testing and the Smoking Stops Here Van organization distributes information, noon-5 p.m.; free; Mondawmin Mall, 2401 Liberty Heights Ave.; 410-523-1534.

Young Lions at Lexington Market: The Young Lions of the Eubie Blake Center perform, noon-2 p.m.; free; Lexington Market, 400 W. Lexington St.; 410-685-6169; [www.lexingtonmarket.com](#).

"Reading Meaning Into TEXTures: Word and Symbol in Contemporary Art": Join museum staff and explore issues raised by works in the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art's TEXTures exhibition, 2 p.m.; free; 950 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington; 202-633-4600; [www.nmafa.si.edu](#).

## 13

"African Americans in Maryland Family/Explore IqL/ily Festival": Experience the story and culture

of Maryland's African-American community past and present; 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; \$8 nonmembers, \$7 members, admission to American Fancy exhibit \$4, advance registration recommended; [Maryland Historical Society](http://www.mdhs.org), 201 W. Monument St.; 410-685-3750; [www.mdhs.org](http://www.mdhs.org).

"Black History Month Family Day": [Baltimore Museum of Art](http://www.artbma.org) hosts a celebration of African-American culture, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; free; [Baltimore Museum of Art](http://www.artbma.org), 10 Art Museum Drive; 410-396-7100; [www.artbma.org](http://www.artbma.org).

"Meet the Author": Francoise Pfaff, author of Focus on American Films, 2 p.m.; free; Enoch Pratt Central Library, Poe Room, 400 Cathedral St.; 410-396-5430; [www.epfl.net](http://www.epfl.net).

"Expressions of a People": Festival of music, dance, theater, creative activities and workshops, 1 p.m.-6 p.m.; free; Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington; 301-203-6070.

Hampton National Historic Site program: Louis Diggs presents history of Baltimore County's lesser-known black communities, 2 p.m.; free; Hampton National Historic Site, 535 Hampton Lane, Towson; 410-823-1309.

## 14

"The Writing on the Wall": A visual-arts exhibit by Aniekan Udofia that explores the recent renaissance of graffiti arts as a form of social critique, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; free; [Community College of Baltimore County](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov), Essex, B Building, Second Floor Lobby, 7201 Rossville Blvd.; 410-780-6572.

## 15

Jali-D the Drum Talker: Speaks to families at the Catonsville Library with a performance of rhythm and rhymes, 7 p.m.; free; 110 Frederick Road; 410-887-0951.

"African Stories in the Americas": Baba Jamal Koram tells stories ranging from Aesop's fables to Shaka the Zulu King, 7 p.m.; free; West County Area Library, 1325 [Annapolis](http://www.annapolis.org) Road, Odenton; 410-222-6277; [www.aacpl.net](http://www.aacpl.net).

## 16

Afternoon tea: Tea and a performance by soprano Adrienne Danrich, 2 p.m.; \$10 per person; Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington; 301-203-6070.

"Meet Growing Griots": Young lions of the Griot's Circle of Maryland perform traditional song, drumming, dancing and storytelling, 7 p.m.; free; Woodlawn Library, 1811 Woodlawn Drive; 410-887-1336.

## 17

Soul Food bake sale: Sale featuring homemade rice pudding, sweet potato pies, poundcakes and chocolate cakes, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; free; Doyle Hall Lobby, [College of Notre Dame of Maryland](#), 4701 N. Charles St.; 410-532-3173.

"How Old Is a Hero": Musical production is a tribute to children of the civil rights era, 4 p.m.; \$10; Carl J. Murphy Fine Arts Center, [Morgan State University](#), 1700 E. Cold Spring Lane; 410-433-5383.

Graffiti workshop: This workshop examines the evolution of graffiti art, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 a.m.; free; [Community College of Baltimore County](#), Essex, B Building, Second Floor Lobby, 7201 Rossville Blvd.; 410-780-6572.

Cooking class: Instruction on preparing healthful soul food, 7:30 p.m.; free, limited to 20 people; Whole Foods Market, 1330 Smith Ave.; 410-532-6700.

## 18

Maryland Film Festival/[Walters Art Museum](#) Movie Night: Chisholm '72-Unbought and Unbossed is a documentary on Brooklyn Rep. Shirley Chisholm's campaign to become the Democratic Party's presidential nominee in 1972; 7:30 p.m.; \$8-\$14 for members, \$10-\$18 for nonmembers; Graham Auditorium, 600 N. Charles St.; 410-547-9000; [www.thewalters.org](#).

Ancestors Cinema Club: Screening of African Origins of Free Masons and discussion, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; free; Ancestors Village, 208 S. Pulaski St.; 410-362-2777.

Black Engineer of the Year career fair: Recruiters from 100 top employers and academic institutions, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. today, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. tomorrow; free; Baltimore Convention Center, 1 W. Pratt St.; 410-244-7101; [www.beya.org](#).

## 19

"The Life and Art of Ernie Barnes": Enjoy Barnes' paintings and try your hand at imitating them, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.; \$6; Chesapeake Children's Museum, 25 Silopanna Road, [Annapolis](#); 410-990-1993; [www.theccm.org](#).

Saturday film series: Voices and Visions: Langston Hughes' Life and Work examines ideas about black creativity in Hughes' life and work, 12:30 p.m.; free; Banneker-Douglass Museum, 84 Franklin St., [Annapolis](#); 410-216-6180.

"African-American Family Festival": Celebration of African-American artists in every discipline, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; free; [Walters Art Museum](#), 600 N. Charles St.; 410-547-9000; [www.thewalters.org](#).

"Acoustic Soul": Performance by local artist LEA, 8 p.m.; \$15, \$12 for seniors and students; Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington; 301-203-6070.



Bus tour: Philip J. Merrill conducts the Consortium of Information and Telecommunications Executives in a Black History Month bus tour, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; \$30; 3701 Koppers St.; 410-393-2337; [www.cite-md.org](http://www.cite-md.org).

"How Old Is a Hero": Musical production is a tribute to children of the civil rights era, 1 p.m.; \$10; Carl J. Murphy Fine Arts Center, [Morgan State University](http://www.msu.edu), 1700 E. Cold Spring Lane; 410-433-5383.

## 20

Drum-making workshop: Make one-of-a-kind drums out of oatmeal boxes, coffee cans and other materials, 4 p.m.-5 p.m.; \$6; Chesapeake Children's Museum, 25 Silopanna Road, [Annapolis](http://www.annapolis.org); 410-990-1993; [www.theccm.org](http://www.theccm.org).

"The Niagara Movement and a Century of Black Protests, 1905-2005": The Baltimore City Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc. presents its annual Black History Month celebration, featuring dramatic readings, portrayals, music and dance depicting different eras of black protests, 4 p.m.; free; Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3200 Walbrook Ave.; 410-466-5761 or 410-922-2966.

## 21

DJ workshop: Featuring Washington hip-hop legend Ron Brown, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; free; [Community College of Baltimore County](http://www.ccbaltimore.org), Essex, B Building, Second Floor Lobby, 7201 Rossville Blvd.; 410-780-6572.

## 22

Black History readings. Hear stories about African culture; 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; Hillcrest Heights Community Center, 2300 Oxon Run Drive, Hillcrest Heights. 301-505-0896.

## 23

"Meet the Authors": Short presentations by authors of What We Have Seen and Heard, 6:30 p.m.; free; Enoch Pratt Central Library, Poe Room, 400 Cathedral St.; 410-396-5430; [www.epfl.net](http://www.epfl.net).

Hip-hop panel discussion: Panel of experts discusses Hip-Hop Kujichagalia: Hip-Hop and African-American Self-Determination, 12:20 p.m.-1:15 p.m.; free; [Community College of Baltimore County](http://www.ccbaltimore.org), Essex, B Building 214, 7201 Rossville Blvd.; 410-780-6572.

"African Stories in the Americas": Baba Jamal Koram tells stories ranging from Aesop's fables to Shaka the Zulu King, 7 p.m.; free; North County Area Branch, 1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie; 410-222-6270.

"Rereading the Civil Rights Movement Through a Theological Lens": Lecture by Dr. M. Shawn



Copeland, associate professor of systematic theology at Boston College, 7:30 p.m.; free; [College of Notre Dame of Maryland](http://www.ndm.edu), 4701 N. Charles St.; 410-532-5804; [www.ndm.edu](http://www.ndm.edu).

Hip-hop presentation: Presentation of Sistahs Speak Out: Hip Hop, noon-2 p.m.; free; Florestano Building, Room 101, [Anne Arundel Community College](http://www.aacpl.net), Arnold campus, 101 College Parkway; 410-777-2284.

"St. Mary's Church and the African- American Community, 1853-2005": Dr. Robert L. Worden speaks about the role African-Americans of St. Mary's parish played in shaping modern [Annapolis](http://www.aacpl.net), 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; free with reservation; William Paca House, 186 Prince George St., [Annapolis](http://www.aacpl.net); 410-267-8146.

## 24

The African American Dance Ensem- ble: A performance that seeks to preserve African and African-American traditions of dance and music, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., daytime tickets: \$6; evening tickets: \$18; Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly; 301-277-1710.

"African Stories in the Americas": Baba Jamal Koram tells stories ranging from Aesop's fables to Shaka the Zulu King, 7 p.m.; free; Severna Park Branch Library, 45 McKinsey Road, Severna Park; 410-222-6290; [www.aacpl.net](http://www.aacpl.net).

## 25

Maryland Film Festival/[Walters Art Museum](http://www.walters.org) Movie Night: DeMane Davis and Khari Streeter's film Lift is the story of a black woman (Kerry Washington) from a dysfunctional family who gets caught up in the world of "boosters" or shoplifters, 7:30 p.m.; \$8-\$14 for members, \$10-\$18 for nonmembers; Graham Auditorium, 600 N. Charles St.; 410-547-9000; [www.the.walters.org](http://www.the.walters.org).

"Black History at the Aquarium": Various activities including a presentation of black watermen and a mini-lecture with David T. Terry, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.; \$5; [National Aquarium](http://www.aqua.org) in Baltimore, 501 E. Pratt St.; 410-576-6800; [www.aqua.org](http://www.aqua.org).

"African American Recognition Day": Celebration recognizing local African-Americans' contributions to the community, dinner and youth forum, 6 p.m.; free; Southern Community Center, 20 Appeal Lane, Lusby; 410-586-1101.

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## 26

Third annual Fashion Show and Black History Extravaganza: Fund-raising event for the Cornerstone Church of Christ, 2 p.m.-6 p.m.; donation \$20 (includes lunch); Cornerstone Church of Christ, 4239 Park Heights Ave.; 410-542-0100.

Mark Greene and the Moments: Soul trio performs, 8 p.m.; \$20; Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington; 301-203-6070.

Saturday film series: Out of Obscurity remembers the earliest protests against segregation, 12:30 p.m.; free; Banneker-Douglass Museum, 84 Franklin St., [Annapolis](#); 410-216-6180.

"Kinderman's African-American Hall of Fame": Celebration of famous African-Americans in history, 2 p.m.; free; Loch Raven Mini Library, 1046 Taylor Ave.; 410-887-4444.

"Life Opera": Original composition shows how changes in music have complemented and mirrored the lives of African-Americans, noon-2 p.m.; free; Lexington Market, 400 W. Lexington St.; 410-685-6169; [www.lexingtonmarket.com](http://www.lexingtonmarket.com).

## 27

"Meet the Author": Marc Taylor, author of The Original Marvelettes, Motown's Mystery Girl Group, 2 p.m.; free; Enoch Pratt Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium, 400 Cathedral St.; 410-396-5430; [www.epfl.net](http://www.epfl.net).

African-American celebration concert: Maryland State Boychoir presents a concert celebrating African-American history, 4 p.m.; free; Douglas Memorial Community Church, 1325 Madison Ave.; 410-523-1700.

## 28

"Baldwin Over Cocktails": The National James Baldwin Literary Society presents an evening of music and food, featuring readings of Baldwin's work and other performances, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; \$10 in advance, more at the door; Mansion House at the [Maryland Zoo in Baltimore](#), [Druid Hill Park](#); 443-939-0368; [www.jamesbaldwin.org](http://www.jamesbaldwin.org).

"African Stories in the Americas": Baba Jamal Koram tells stories ranging from Aesop's fables to Shaka the Zulu King, 7 p.m.; free; Eastport-[Annapolis](#) Neck Branch, 269 Hillsmere Drive, [Annapolis](#); 410-222-1770; [www.aacpl.net](http://www.aacpl.net).